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DEQ, EPA recognize two facilities for redevelopment projects

BATON ROUGE – The Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognized two facilities on Wednesday for their completion of Ready for Reuse projects in the Baton Rouge area. The two agencies issued ready for reuse determinations to CS Metals of Convent and Syngenta of St. Gabriel.

A Ready for Reuse designation acknowledges environmental cleanups that promote economic growth by enhancing redevelopment opportunities. This determination recognizes a property that has been cleaned to the extent that it is protective for redevelopment based on current or planned land use.

CS Metals was a recycling business that eventually closed. By using a combination of remediation programs offered by DEQ and EPA, the facility was able to cleanup its entire site to the condition it was before it opened.

Syngenta's project occurred on its property. They were able to demonstrate that an area of their site would meet EPA and DEQ environmental requirements for the property's future use.

"It is an honor to add these two companies to the growing list of other facilities in Louisiana that have successfully participated and completed this joint state and federal Ready for Reuse Program," said Deputy Secretary Karen Gautreaux. "We have made the Ready for Reuse Program an integral part of our remediation process to achieve productive economic and environmental benefits. Based on discussion with EPA Region 6, it is my understanding that Louisiana and DEQ are the national leaders in this innovative program. Today is an example of why. We are recognizing two local companies that have, by their cooperation and participation with DEQ and EPA, given old industrial sites new life under the land revitalization program."

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